

Stanly County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Stanly SWCD's 2016

Outstanding Conservation Farm Family

The goal of the Outstanding Conservation Farm Family award is to “recognize farmers and farm families who are actively taking the initiative to implement sound, innovative and cost-effective conservation techniques, and are actively involved in conservation education.”



L-R Curtis Furr, John Pickler, Jody Smith, Jarrett Smith, Chester Lowder, Shelly Smith and Terry Blalock.

Shelly Smith Farms, owned and operated by Shelly Smith and his son Jarrett Smith, walked away with the 2016 Outstanding Conservation Farm Family award. This award is given to the farm that encompasses many diverse dimensions of the farming industry and how they are managed for quality. At Shelly Smith Farms there are many best management practices put into place that help to combat against soil and water loss and degradation. Practices include continuous no-till, the use of cover crops and other technologies, such as GPS precision planting and fertilization regiments. Also, with the farm being an operational dairy of approximately 190 head, nutrient management is vital to the farm's management decisions. They have an elaborate plan to help manage all the nutrients coming from the farm. Other best management practices used to ensure quality milk production include a covered holding lot with fans and bedding that is tilled twice a day in order to kill bacteria. On the farm, many other practices are done on a daily basis to ensure quality along with conservation. So congratulations Shelly and Jarrett Smith on winning this award.

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District Board Members

Terry Blalock	Chairman
John Pickler	Vice-Chairman
Jody Smith	Treasurer
Curtis Furr	Supervisor
Aaron Burleson	Supervisor
Chester Lowder	Advisor

District Board Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanly County Agri Civic Center. All meetings are open to the public.

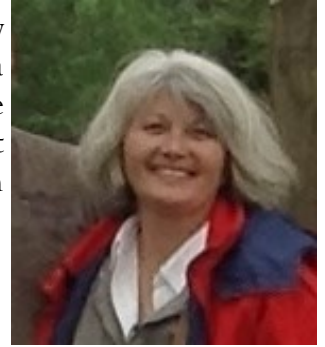
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Clint Brooks
District Conservation Tech
Rita Little
Admin/Education Coordinator
Chris Childers
Conservation Planner
Charles Dunevant
Soil Conservationist
Lin Taylor
Civil Engineer Technician



June Mabry Resigns from Stanly SWCD

Stanly SWCD Supervisor June Mabry resigned her post in March 2016. After a productive tenure with the District, June will certainly be missed. She brought fresh, new ideas to the table and was an asset to the District.



District Welcomes New Supervisor



After Aaron Burleson's appointment as a Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor was approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission in March, he was sworn in on April 14, 2016. Aaron was recommended for appointment by the current District Supervisors to fill the unexpired term of June Mabry ending on December 1, 2016.

A graduate of Pfeiffer University, Mr. Burleson is a General Partner of Thurman Burleson and Sons Farm, a family owned and operated farm since the 1940's. Aaron brings a great deal of experience and expertise to the position. The District is fortunate to have him on board. He and his wife Amanda have three children and reside on Kendall's Church Road in Richfield.

Jennie Wagner Awarded Careers-In-Conservation Scholarship

Jennie Wagner is beginning her third year at N.C. State University (NCSU) where she is majoring in Plant and Soil Science with an Agroecology (Sustainable Agriculture) concentration. She is on schedule to graduate May 2017. The North Carolina Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation awarded her a merit-based Careers-In-Conservation scholarship in the amount of \$1000 for attendance at NCSU this upcoming school year. The purpose of the scholarship is to increase the number of college graduates from a NC institution who are qualified for careers in natural resource conservation and other closely related fields that aligns with the mission of Soil and Water Districts.



Jennie is the daughter of Carl and Leah Wagner, owners of Carlea Farms in the Millingport community.

"I'm spending my summer working on a certified organic farm near Raleigh as part of NC State's Developing Future NC Farmers Program. So far, I'm really enjoying it!" -Jennie Wagner



New faces at the Stanly Field Office...



NRCS Conservation Planner, Chris Childers, administers the oath of office to appointee Charles Dunevant

NRCS Appoints New Soil Conservationist

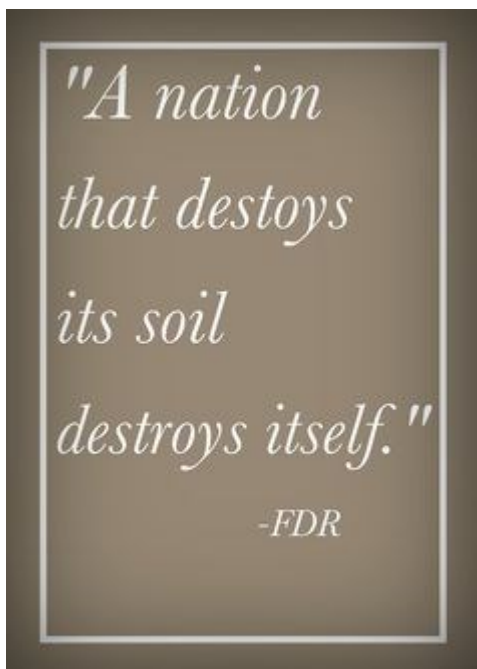
Meet Charles Dunevant...

"I am a graduate of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). I also graduated from Western Carolina University with a B.S. in Natural Resource Conservation & Management. During my time at Western, I was an Earth Team volunteer with NRCS in Stanly and Jackson Counties.

After graduation, I was hired as a Watershed Technician in Franklin SWCD, in Louisburg. I then took the Resource Conservationist position in Brown Creek (Anson County), before becoming the SWCD Director in Union County in 2013.

I currently hold the position of NRCS Soil Conservationist for Team 11 which includes Stanly, Montgomery, Union, Anson, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties."

Charles brings much experience and expertise with him to NRCS and the District. We are very fortunate to have someone of his caliber.



District Welcomes NRCS Summer Intern

Once again this year, NRCS has assigned a soil conservation intern to the Stanly field office for the summer.

Robyn Amie is a senior Agriculture Economics major from Atlanta, Georgia. She attends Fort Valley State University. Located in Fort Valley, Georgia, it is an 1890 land grant institution.

Robyn is our newest intern and plans to work for the Natural Resource Conservation Service after graduation.

Welcome Robyn!!





United States Department of Agriculture

County Committee ELECTIONS 2016

- June 15, 2016** The nomination period begins.
Request nomination forms from the
local USDA Service Center or obtain
online at
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>
- Aug. 1, 2016** Last day to file nomination forms at
the local USDA Service Center
- Nov. 7, 2016** Ballots mailed to eligible voters
- Dec. 5, 2016** Last day to return voted ballots to
the USDA Service Center
- Jan. 1, 2017** Newly elected county committee
members take office

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

FSA COUNTS ON YOU:



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Agriculture Cost Share Program Year 2016

The Stanly Soil and Water Conservation District was allocated \$56,732 for the Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP), \$32,500 for the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP), and \$3,628 for the Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP). All in all, the District received \$92,860 from the Division of Soil and Water Conservation in 2016.



Program Year 2016 Allocation \$92,860

Agriculture Cost Share (ACSP) - 5 contracts written

1	Cropland Conversion	\$ 10,672
2	Livestock Exclusion	\$ 41,819
1	Pasture Renovation	\$ 1,800
1	Incinerator	\$ 2,425
	Returned to Division	\$ 16

Agricultural Water Resource Assistance Program (AgWRAP) - 2 contracts written

1	Water Supply Pond	\$ 27,500
1	Pond Sediment Removal	\$ 5,000

Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) - 1 contract written

	Returned to the Division	\$ 3,628
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Enrollment Period for 2016 USDA Safety Net Coverage Ends Aug. 1.

Producers who chose coverage from the safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, can visit FSA county offices through Aug. 1, 2016, to sign contracts to enroll in coverage for 2016.

Although the choice between ARC and PLC is completed and remains in effect through 2018, producers must still enroll their farm by signing a contract each year to receive coverage. Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office to schedule an appointment to enroll. If a farm is not enrolled during the 2016 enrollment period, producers on that farm will not be eligible for financial assistance from the ARC or PLC programs should crop prices or farm revenues fall below the historical price or revenue benchmarks established by the program. The two programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and offer a safety net to agricultural producers when there is a substantial drop in prices or revenues for covered commodities.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

For more details regarding these programs, go to www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc. For more information, producers are encouraged to visit the Stanly FSA office.



FSA County Committee Nomination Period in Stanly County Began June 15

The nomination period for the Stanly FSA county committee began on June 15, 2016. Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the Stanly County FSA Office by close of business on Aug. 1, 2016.

County Committees are unique to FSA and allow producers to have a voice on federal farm program implementation at the local level.

To be eligible to serve on the FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) where they are nominated. All producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process. This year, nominations and elections will be held in LAA I, which includes the Ridenhour, Harris, North Albemarle, and South Albemarle townships. Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations representing minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates.

To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and more information about county committee elections is available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues. County committees consist of three to 11 members.

FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 7. Ballots are due back in the Stanly County Office by mail or in person no later than Dec. 5, 2016. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office January 1, 2017. For more information about county committees, please contact the Stanly County FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.



No-Till Drill Available For Rent

In days of old, the practice of turning the soil before planting a new crop led to soil erosion and farmland degradation. No-till planting reduces erosion and promotes soil health. Stanly SWCD's Truax 88 No-Till Drill is designed with three seed boxes that allow for planting regular grass seed, fluffy seeds and clovers. It's perfect for seeding and reseeding fields and pastures. The District rents the drill for \$15 per acre in Stanly County and \$20 per acre for out of county use. There is a \$50 minimum charge. Any citizen in



Stanly and surrounding counties are eligible to use the No-Till Drill. Call the SWCD office at 704-986-3059 for more information.

Now available... Erosion Control Materials

For more information contact Clint Brooks

704-986-3059

cbrooks@stanlycountync.gov



Straw Single Net

8 ft x 112.5 ft.

\$25.00 each

Straw Double Net

8 ft. x 112.5 ft.

\$28.00 each



Excelsior Single Net

4 ft. x 180 ft.

\$38.00 each



Straw Wattle

12 in. x 10 ft.

\$25.00 each



Wood Stake

1.5 in. x 24 in.

Bundle of 25

.75 each

\$16.00 bundle

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Sod Staples

6" 1000/box

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